

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
DAIKI KADOMATSU)	Examiner: Kristie D. Shingles
Application No.: 09/597,146)	TC/Art Unit: 2141
Filed: June 20, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 5114
For: IMAGE COMMUNICATION)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD)	December 5, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

JPA 08-079477 discloses an image processing device such as a facsimile apparatus which reads a color image, executes JPEG compression by a block of 8 X 8 pixels, and creates encoded files. Each encoded file is created by 8 X n lines (*e.g.*, 32 lines) and stored with a restart marker and information indicating a header portion if the encoded file corresponds to a header portion in the read color image.

Upon transmitting the read color image, each encoded file is read out. A determination is made based on the information whether the file corresponds to the header portion. If so, image data for transmission information is created and encoded using JPEG

compression to create a transmission file for the header portion. The file corresponding to the header portion is replaced with the transmission file.

As explained above, the transmission information is added after JPEG compression for the read color image. Thus, it is necessary to execute JPEG compression two times, one time for the read color image and another time for transmission information. JPA 08-079477 does not teach or suggest to add transmission information to image data before JPEG compression for the image data.

It is respectfully requested that the documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

The required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) has been paid concurrently herewith via the Electronic Filing System.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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